

DADE HERITAGE TRUST, INC.
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the August 21, 1983 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Dade Heritage Trust was called to order at 10:20 a.m., Sunday, August 21, 1983, at the Sea View Hotel, 9909 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach. The following Trustees were present:

Donald Slesnick II, President
Becky Matkov, First Vice President
John Ward Clark, Second Vice President
Marty Stofik, Secretary
Hank Hamilton, Treasurer
Liz Bishop
Tim Blake
Allen Caldwell
Beth Ann Clark
Arlene Commings
Jim Levis
Michael Maxwell
Rich Miller
Maggie Wood

Also attending was Paul Thompson, Executive Director

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried unanimously to adopt the minutes of the June 21, 1983 meeting as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Slesnick appointed Mr. Caldwell to head the committee to establish the medical museum at Dr. Jackson's Office and Surgery. This project will be funded through grants from the City of Miami and the State of Florida that will be received soon.

Antique Show Funds Status

A verbal agreement has been reached with D.S. Clarke Antique Shows, Inc. and its president, Bud Maron, regarding the 1983 Antique Show. Mr. Maron has agreed to pay DHT approximately \$13,000 for the 1983 show, then \$12,000 per year each year for the remainder of the contract, the funds to be placed in a trust held by DHT's attorney one month in advance of the show. DHT's name may be used by D.S. Clarke Antique Shows, Inc. in the publicity and promotion of the show. DHT will be allowed to have a boutique at the show, hold a preview party and sell the program, if desired. A written document outlining the agreement is expected to be signed in September.

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Mr. Blake pointed out that our agreement with the City of Miami states that an antique show will be produced during the dates reserved. If D.S. Clarke Antique Shows, Inc. is unable or fails to produce the show, DHT is obligated to do so. A decision by D.S. Clarke Antique Shows, Inc. is needed by September 30, 1983, to allow DHT time to organize its own antique show in January, 1984, or take other steps necessary.

One year's notice is needed to be given to the City if the dates are not going to be used. It is possible we could sell the dates. We also could ask the City of Miami to waive half the \$8,000 fee for the facility.

Metro-Dade/Miami Beach Lawsuit

In response to a request by the Metro-Dade Historic Preservation Board, the Metro-Dade Commission has filed suit against the City of Miami Beach (case no. 83-27784) to determine if the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance complies with the standards established by the Metro-Dade Historic Preservation Ordinance. Mr. Slesnick stated that the suit will involve many constitutional questions, including that of Metro-Dade's power over municipalities. DHT is mentioned in the complaint along with the Miami Design Preservation League by having supported the request to have the suit filed. MDPL has retained attorney Joe Fleming to represent it by joining the suit as a plaintiff intervenor.

A motion was made by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Blake, that DHT retain an attorney, pro bono, to enter DHT in the lawsuit as a plaintiff intervenor representing the position that all municipal preservation ordinances should meet the minimum standards set by the county ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

Coral Gables Normandy Village Request

Mrs. Joan Leake has requested DHT's support in her protest of a decision by the Coral Gables Historic Preservation Board to allow an addition to be made to a home in the Normandy Village.

Mr. Maxwell explained that the two-story addition would change the roof line of the village and set a precedent for other homeowners to make similar modifications.

A motion was made by Mr. Blake, seconded by Ms. Wood, to send a position statement to the Coral Gables City Commission opposing any additions that would change the historic character of the Village, notwithstanding any zoning ordinances or variances which may be allowed or already granted, with a copy to the members of the Historic Preservation Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Woodrow Wilkins Archives

Mr. Slesnick announced that Mr. Richard Johnson, of Johnson Associates, Architects, has agreed to donate the original drawings of Robert Law Weed to DHT.

A conflict appears to have arisen between the Historical Association of Southern Florida and DHT as to who may accept donations to the Woodrow Wilkins Archives. The Board expressed a desire to work with the HASF but, if that is not possible, we should explore the possibility of developing our own archives.

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A motion was made by Mr. Blake, seconded by Ms. Wood, to accept the donation from Mr. Johnson and to determine the appropriate value of the Robert Law Weed drawings. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Blake, seconded by Ms. Wood, to appoint Dolly MacIntyre and Les Beilinson to act as liasons to the Woodrow Wilkins Archives. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Levis pointed out that other materials, including records of the Model Cities Land Company, are being obtained by DHT and a decision is needed as to where they will be housed.

City of Miami Publications

Mr. Slesnick reported that in response to a request by Mayor Maurice Ferre, DHT has agreed to work with the City of Miami in the development of a feasibility study for the publication of a "coffee table" book about the city. A \$5,000 grant is forthcoming to fund the study. Ms. Matkov was appointed to head the project.

Resignation

A motion was made by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Ms. Clark, to accept the resignation of Trustee Dennis King and to send him a letter of appreciation for his contributions to DHT. The motion carried unanimously.

Guest Speaker Offer

DHT member Leslie Rivera has advised DHT that John Seagrave, Director of Roxton College in England, will be available as a guest speaker during the first week in November. The Board agreed to invite Mr. Seagrave to speak at a quarterly membership meeting during that week.

Mr. Slesnick announced that the third quarterly membership meeting will be replaced by the Awards Luncheon of the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Conference on October 1, and that the September Board of Trustees meeting will be replaced by attendance at the Conference.

Ryan Building Materials

Most of the materials donated to DHT by Florida Power and Light have been moved to The Fortress for storage. The chandeliers and a 16 sq. ft. section of ceiling still are to be moved. A flatbed truck and a forklift are needed for the move.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, to affirm Mr. Slesnick's removing John Fullerton as chairman of the Architectural Materials committee, and appointing Bill Gamble as chairman.

Napier Library

Mr. Thompson announced that two donations already have been received for the Harvey Napier Memorial Library, and that Mrs. Mary Napier has indicated she will match future public donations to the project.

Correspondence

Mr. Slesnick distributed copies of letters to the Coral Gables Country Club, from Spillis Candela, and a column by Howard Kleinberg of the Miami News, copies attached to these minutes. (Exhibits A, B, C, respectively.)

A motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Clark, to adopt a formal position that the People Mover station located by Ft. Dallas Park be named the Ft. Dallas Station. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of this date:

Current balance in general checking account	\$131.00 (approximate)
Current balance in revolving fund account	114.22
Current balance in Merrill Lynch Ready Assets	172.80

Mr. Hamilton announced that the six-month report will be completed and distributed to the Trustees next week. He will have the request for the change in the fiscal year ready for the next Board of Trustees meeting.

REVOLVING FUND

Mr. Blake announced that on July 21, 1983, the Secretary of State accepted the incorporation papers of the Revolving Fund. Mr. Blake thanks DHT Trustee John Armstrong for his help in drawing up the necessary documents.

Officers and Trustees of DHT Revolving Fund, Inc. are:

- Timothy Carl Blake, President
- Donald D. Slesnick II, Vice President
- John Armstrong, Secretary
- McHenry (Hank) Hamilton, Treasurer
- Sallye Jude
- Frederic (Ric) Hoffman
- John Ward Clark

PUBLICATIONS

Ms. Matkov had presented a report at the Saturday Board of Trustees Retreat meeting. The summer issue of Preservation Today will be mailed within the next two weeks. Ms. Clark noted that assistance is needed to sell advertising in the magazine.

FTHP MEETING

Mr. Clark distributed a copy of the conference brochure sent out for the statewide conference of the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation to be held at the Holiday Inn-Brickell Point, September 29-October 2. He noted that the committee is working on a special event for Friday, September 30.

Mr. Slesnick urged everyone on the Board of Trustees to attend the conference.

Ms. Stofik announced that the organizational meeting of the Florida Conference of Preservation Boards and Commissions would be held on Thursday, September 29 during the conference.

HISTORIC SITES

Mr. Clark reported he has contacted the First Presbyterian Church on Brickell Avenue concerning their consideration of selling the property for development. He passed around an article from The Miami Herald which stated that six proposals have been received by the church for use of the property. He noted that the Flagler Chapel, on the north side of the building, is the most valuable part of the church and all attempts should be made to save it.

Mr. Clark reported that the City of Miami Planning Department is reviewing Villa Serena on Brickell Lane as to future use. It could be developed as 15 homesites or as highrise development. A letter will be sent to the City of Miami Heritage Conservation Board supporting maintaining Villa Serena in tact.

A motion was made by Mr. Blake, seconded by Mr. Levis and carried unanimously that DHT support the designation of the Deering/Danielson estate known as Black Point as a historic site.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTGrants Update

Mr. Thompson reviewed grants received for the restoration of Dr. Jackson's Office, and from the Council of Arts and Sciences for Preservation Week '84.

Membership Update

Membership for the year includes:

83 new members - \$2,230

87 renewals 3,000

Brown House

A \$45,000 appropriation for site preparation has been approved by the City of Miami to prepare the site on Watson Island to receive the Brown House. A letter is being prepared for the signature of Tibor Hollo outlining the final agreement for the donation of the house and funds to DHT for moving the house to the new location.

Cultural Executives Council

Mr. Thompson announced that the CEC is sponsoring a function at Botanica on Key Biscayne during Thanksgiving weekend to present the various cultural organizations to the public. Each organization will have a suite and may display materials, sell merchandise, etc. A motion was made by Mr. Blake, seconded by Ms. Clark, to give Mr. Thompson a vote of confidence to proceed with the project.

Dr. Jackson's

Ms. Clark announced that she will be working at the office during the next two weeks to clean and organize the office and grounds. Ms. Commings indicated she would be willing to work on contacting unrenewed members.

Restoration Resource Center

The Board agreed that efforts should be made to proceed with developing a restoration resource center to dispose of many of the materials that have been donated to DHT that now are stored at Dr. Jackson's Office and at The Fortress. It was suggested that an ad in Preservation Today be utilized for this purpose.

OLD BUSINESSRevolving Fund

Mr. Slesnick asked for authorization to deal with the President of DHT Revolving Fund, Inc. to work out the relationship between the Fund and DHT for use of office space and staff time. A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, and carried unanimously to approve the authorization.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Maxwell and carried unanimously for Mr. Slesnick to propose utilizing all money used from the Revolving Fund Account of DHT as payment for past services rendered to DHT Revolving Fund, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Ms. Wood, and carried unanimously, to authorize past transfers of money from the Revolving Fund Account to the General Operating Account.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Clark, and carried unanimously, to transfer the current balance in the Revolving Fund Account to DHT Revolving Fund, Inc.

Secretary

A prospective volunteer, part-time secretary is being contacted by Mr. Miller. A notice also will be placed in the September newsletter asking for a volunteer secretary.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on DHT's position with respect to the Miami City Commission's consideration of the historic designation of the Sears building. Also, the Miami Heritage Conservation Board

will, at its August meeting, discuss whether to consider designating a portion of the building historic and how to apply the time already elapsed with regard to the waiting period required by the ordinance if the designation is withheld by the City Commission.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the possibility of naming the City of Miami as an "indispensible party defendant" to the Metro-Dade vs City of Miami Beach suit, along with other municipalities in the county whose ordinance to not conform to the county ordinance, the following straw votes were successful:

A majority of the board voted that the Sears tower should be preserved. A majority of the board voted that DHT should be on record that the Sears tower is a historic property.

A majority of the board voted to authorize Tim Blake to continue negotiations with Sears and its attorneys and the City of Miami as to the productive preservation of the Sears tower, or the sale or donation of the property.

A majority of the board voted to support fund raising and restoration of the Sears tower if it were donated to DHT.

A majority of the board voted to allow the Executive Committee to work out details of presenting the above positions.

A motion was made by Mr. Blake, seconded by Mr. Miller, to adopt the above straw votes as the position of DHT. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Levis discussed the immediate financial needs of DHT. A motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, to empower the Executive Committee to borrow up to \$10,000 to pay off current debts. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Levis, seconded by Mr. Blake, to amend the motion that the funds will be used to pay off immediate encumbering debts and the remainder be used to raise additional funds. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, to establish fund raising and administration as the number one priority of DHT, with increased membership as the first element, during the next six months. An amendment to the motion was made by Mr. Blake, seconded by Ms. Stofik, that each Trustee make an individual commitment to solicit \$1,000 in new funds by the end of 1983. Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Maxwell accepted the amendment. The motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

Mr. Slesnick thanked Ms. Wood for making the arrangements for the DHT Retreat, and thanked Mr. Thompson and Mr. Miller for preparing the program.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Stofik
Secretary